

## House Resolution No. 4728

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives were truly saddened by the death of longtime Show-Me State resident Cowan F. “Bubba” Hyde on Thursday, November 20, 2003, at the age of ninety-five; and

**Whereas**, a resident of St. Louis at the time of his death, Bubba Hyde was born on April 10, 1908, in Pontotoc, Mississippi, and began a Negro League professional baseball career at the tender age of fourteen; and

**Whereas**, in 1924 Bubba Hyde joined the Memphis Red Sox for which he played the majority of his career in the positions of second baseman and right fielder; and

**Whereas**, Bubba Hyde also played for the Cincinnati Tigers, Chicago American Giants, and Indianapolis Clowns in the Negro League; for Bridgeport in Class AA in the Eastern League; and for the Canadian League from 1950 until his retirement in 1954; and

**Whereas**, noted for having beaten Olympic sprint champion Jesse Owens in a footrace around the bases of a regulation baseball diamond, Bubba Hyde was an alumnus of Rust College in Holly Springs, Michigan, and Morris Brown College in Atlanta, Georgia, and an employee of General Cables Corporation from which he retired after twenty-five years; and

**Whereas**, Bubba Hyde coached Little League Baseball and volunteered with Meals on Wheels until he reached the age of ninety; and

**Whereas**, preceded in death by Edith Hyde, Bubba Hyde is survived by two sisters, Elizabeth Cowan of Beloit, Wisconsin, and Annie Dee Walker of Muskegon, Michigan; his daughter, Almerth Owens-Long of St. Louis; and his three grandchildren, LaRon H. Owens (currently on military duty in Iraq), Ingrid M. Owens of St. Louis, and Elfriede Clanton of Hawaii:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to memorialize the life and work of Cowan Hyde and to convey this legislative body’s most heartfelt condolences to his family members, friends, and colleagues who now miss his considerable warmth and light in their daily lives; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in memory of Cowan F. “Bubba” Hyde of St. Louis, Missouri.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Betty L. Thompson  
District No. 72

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4728, adopted November 24, 2003.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker